

SUN YAT SEN'S SON TELLS HOW YUAN GRABBED REINS IN CHINA

Review of Activities Leading Up to Restoration of Mon- archy at Meeting

At the weekly luncheon of the Home Rule in Taxation League held in San Francisco on December 22, Sun Fe, whose father, Sun Yat Sen, has fought for 20 years for the liberty of the Chinese people, and who became the provisional president upon the organization of the Chinese Republic in 1912, delivered an address on the "Monarchist Usurpation in China."

Sun Fe is a senior student in the University of California and has lived in America for four years. His speech showed a thorough knowledge of his subject. He said in part:

"Recent reports of the Chinese situation may cause persons unfamiliar with events in that country to conclude that the Chinese people are not fitted for a republic, that is, after four years' trial a monarchy is better for them; and that the decision for a change as given out by the Peking government is unanimous on the part of the people. Nothing is further from the truth. The republic under the control of Yuan Shih-Kai never had a fair trial. The monarchist usurpation reflects the ambition and autocratic will of one man. The Chinese people had nothing to do with it."

Forced Abdication.

"During the revolution of 1912 Yuan Shih-Kai agreed with the Republicans to persuade the Manchu House to abdicate, and to unify the Republic. He was made the second provisional president, and soon began to betray his trust with unconstitutional acts. The struggle between democracy and autocracy began about a year later, when Sung Chiao Jen, ex-minister of agriculture and forestry, and leader of the majority party in parliament was assassinated in Shanghai. The crime was traced to Peking and laid at the door of Chao Ping Chun, the premier of Yuan Shih-Kai."

"Shortly after Yuan defied parliament by signing the five-powers loan of \$125,000,000 without its sanction. From that time it was unable to restrain him. Thus supplied with ample funds, Yuan gained control of parliament by bribing some of the members. A new party was formed by Yuan, known as the Chinpuang or Progressive party, which opposed the Kuomintang or Nationalist-majority party. As a result only one bill passed parliament in four months."

"This was just what Yuan had planned, so as to discredit parliament and have an excuse to assume autocratic powers."

Members are Expelled.

"After the revolution of 1913, Yuan accused parliament of trying to overthrow him, and issued an illegal order expelling 310 Kuomintang members. On January 11, 1914, Yuan formally abolished the parliament elected by the people, but not until he had forced its members to elect him as the regular president. On the same day that he abolished parliament all the provincial districts or state legislatures were ordered to be abolished. With a stroke of the usurper's pen all of the elective bodies of the Republic were destroyed. Since January, 1914, the Chinese Republic has been forced to submit to dictatorship, Yuan being the dictator."

"Yuan was elected president October 5, 1913, for a term of five years, being eligible for a second term. After he abolished parliament he promulgated an illegal constitution on May 1, 1914. A council of state was then appointed by him and empowered to act as the legislature. He had the presidential election laws changed by that council, extending his term of office to 10 years, with no limitation as to reelection."

Made it a Life Job.

"Yuan's permanency of office was further secured by providing that in the year of the presidential election if the council of state deemed it a political necessity, that body appointed by him can prolong the presidential term of office to another 10 years without the electoral college acting, thus enabling Yuan to be president for life and that the retiring president shall nominate candidates from whom the electoral college shall choose one as his successor. Thus Yuan may nominate three of his sixteen sons, and one of them must succeed him."

"Even if there were no move to create a monarchy in China, the republic would not be a real republic under Yuan. Ever since his coup d'etat of 1914, the republic has been non-existent."

"The agitation for a monarchy began last August. The apparent cause

was a paper submitted to Yuan by Dr. Goodnow, then his adviser, now president of Johns Hopkins University, advocating a return to the monarchy. Yuan's proteges formed a society to discuss the form of government. His officials gave it encouragement. Soon after a second monarchist party was formed by Liang Shih-Yi, Yuan's most trusted lieutenant, to organize all monarchist sympathizers and to send a combined petition to the council of state asking for a monarchy and also to Yuan asking him to ascend the throne.

Convention to Decide.

"The council of state sent these petitions to Yuan and asked him for instructions. In a message to the council, he declared that the opinion of the country should be obtained. On October 6, Yuan issued a mandate calling for an election of a national convention to be made up of 1834 members and to be charged with the duty of deciding the question at issue."

"A Peking press correspondent reported that out of a population of 1,250,000 in that city only a few more than 1500 votes were cast at this election. This shows that only a few of Yuan's 100,000 officials in Peking voted for him. Assuming the proportion of votes cast throughout China (no official report has been made) to be the same, then out of a population of 400,000,000 Chinese only 518,000 persons voted. In the first national election that chose the parliament in 1913 over 40,000,000 votes were counted. Yuan arbitrarily reduced the number of votes to 518,000 or about one-tenth of one per cent of the population."

"This minority election was held only in the provincial and district capital cities. Only persons designated by the local military and civil authorities as qualified were admitted to vote. Each province chose electors who assembled in the provincial or state capital and elected delegates who constituted the national convention."

Called On Day's Notice.

"Tsou Hwa Shin Pao, a Chinese newspaper at Shanghai, reports that the election in Nanking was called on one day's notice, and that only 26 delegates out of about 100 were present. The meeting was held at the military governor's residence which was surrounded by armed soldiers and the police. The delegates came forward one at a time, and the election officers ordered them to write on their ballots, 'favor a monarchy' and 'I publicly elect Yuan Shih-Kai as the great emperor of the Chung Hwa empire.' In every province the election was held in the same manner."

"The United States government will soon be asked officially to recognize this usurper Yuan and his empire. The United States was the first among the powers to recognize the Chinese republic. Will it approve of the acts of this usurper and traitor after it has refused recognition to Huerta of Mexico? This is a question for the American people to decide."

After the conclusion of the talk, the members of the home rule in Taxation League passed a resolution urging President Wilson not to recognize Yuan Shih-Kai as emperor.

NIETERT NAMED AS SUCCESSOR OF O. P. SOARES

H. F. Nietert has been appointed by Judge Charles F. Clemons as federal court reporter, and will be sworn in at 10 o'clock next Monday. He will succeed Oliver P. Soares, resigned, who is to take up law practice in Honolulu.

Mr. Nietert has had considerable experience in stenographic work and was highly recommended to the federal court, not only by local attorneys but by army officials. During the last year, Mr. Nietert has been court-martial reporter for the office of the judge advocate-general, U. S. A.

During court today, Judge Clemons and Hon. Sanford B. Dole presented Mr. Soares with a bound volume of the 1915 revised laws of Hawaii. Both made brief addresses complimenting the late reporter on his several years of efficient work.

SERVICE CLUB WILL HOLD SOCIAL AT "Y"

The first social ever given at the Y. M. C. A. strictly for service men will be followed by an exhibition in hall. Invitations have been sent out to 150 members of the Service Club for the entertainment and athletic program this evening.

The schedule as announced includes a musical program and debate in Cooke hall beginning at 6:45. This will be held this evening in Cooke hall beginning at 7:45. Glenn E. Jackson, physical director, has arranged a novel program of stunts in gym work for the men of the service. The gym class work will be followed by a wrestling bout between L. C. Williams and R. W. Hirsch. The final number on the program of events will consist of three rounds of boxing between J. Martin and J. T. Boxarth. Both are clever boys and the bout promises to be the feature event of the evening.

PERSONALITIES

ROBERT HEEN, a brother of William Heen, attorney general, will leave for San Francisco next week, where he will be enrolled as a student at St. Mary's college.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Harmony Chapter, No. 4, O. E. S., will hold a regular meeting tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Members of the federal grand jury residing on Oahu have been notified to be in court at 10 o'clock next Monday morning.

Without bond, P. D. Kellett, Jr., has been appointed by Circuit Judge Whitney as administrator of the estate of Mauiola, late of Kailua, this island.

Circuit Judge Stuart's trial jurors are wanted in court at 10 o'clock next Tuesday morning. Monday will be given over to divorce and jury waived cases.

Members of the boys' department of the Japanese Y. M. C. A. were entertained with moving pictures of educational value yesterday afternoon at the association.

William Gwynn Matthias, head bookkeeper at the Ewa plantation and a native of Cardiff, Wales, has filed in federal court a declaration of intention to become an American citizen.

Eight boys who were caught smoking under the School street bridge and who were charged with truancy were lectured and dismissed by Circuit Judge Whitney today.

A Hawaiian boy who is alleged to have committed several petty thefts in Kaimuki, was arrested by Probation Officer J. C. Anderson and probably will be sent to the reform school.

A Chinese and a Portuguese boy are to be sent to the reform school tomorrow, charged with being delinquent. They were accustomed to running away from school.

Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 1, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Hawaii, will hold its regular monthly meeting this evening at the armory. Meeting will be called at 7:30 p. m.

Preparation for the work of collecting income taxes has been begun by John Palmer, deputy tax assessor, who states that the blanks showing the 1915 prosperity of local residents must be returned to the tax office by the end of this month.

The Filipino Citizens' Club will meet this evening at the Filipino Y. M. C. A. to discuss problems in citizenship. The club has invited the Filipino naval associations to be present this evening for a discussion on Filipino topics in general.

Tomorrow evening at St. Andrew's cathedral there will be a special service for boys and young men. A delegation of young men from the Y. M. C. A. will attend in a body. The bishop will preach on the subject of "Christian Duty and Patriotism."

The attorney for Charley Clark, foreman of the city's road patching gang, who is charged with furious and heedless driving, has been given one week in which to present a bill of exceptions to take the case to the supreme court by interlocutory process.

To take up several important matters of business, the harbor board will hold a special meeting on Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Awarding of the contract for the Kuhio wharf conveyor machinery will be made at this time, and plans will be discussed for repair work on Pier 15.

If continued good weather prevails until Sunday, the seven city supervisors plan to take a trip around the island to ascertain the amount of damage done by the recent storms and to consider the road question in general. The results of their investigations will be discussed at a meeting on Tuesday night.

Bishop Henry B. Restarick will deliver a special sermon for the young men of the intermediate department of the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday evening at St. Andrew's church. Special music has also been arranged for the occasion. Members of the boys' clubs will meet with James Wakefield at the Y. M. C. A. at 7 o'clock tomorrow evening.

DAILY REMINDERS

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The villa of John C. Uhrlaub, a New York importer, at Stamford, Conn., was destroyed by fire at a loss of \$25,000.

PAPEETE RADIO STATION IS NOT STRONG ENOUGH

Mutual Wireless Gets Feeble Signals From New Plant on Island of Tahiti

Although the Honolulu wireless plant of the Mutual Telephone Company has succeeded in hearing for the first time the new French Marconi radio station at Papeete, Tahiti, in the last week, a distance of 2300 nautical miles, Manager J. A. Balch of the Mutual's radio department said today the signals are barely audible, owing to the comparatively low power of the new station. He does not believe it will be possible to send commercial messages from here to Papeete direct.

"While we can hear the Tutuila station at American Samoa with an audibility of 25, which is a good receivable signal, we can just barely hear the new French station at Papeete," he said. "It is too weak for us to work direct with it, unless the signals become more audible, and we will have to send messages from here to Tutuila, to be relayed to the new station." The distance from Tutuila to Papeete is 1241 nautical miles, and from Tutuila to Honolulu 2250 nautical miles.

Mr. Balch has not yet received a reply from Governor Boyer of Tahiti to the radio he sent him several days ago, asking for information as to when the Papeete station will be ready to accept commercial messages and what the regular rates there will be.

Message to Bay City.

A news story in the San Francisco Chronicle of January 6 says that the first radio message was flashed between Papeete and San Francisco the day previous. The distance between Papeete and San Francisco is almost 4000 miles.

This message was to John A. Hooper, a San Francisco shipping and lumber man, from Capt. Leb Curtis at Papeete, announcing the successful raising of the German steamer Walkure, purchased from the French government a month or more ago by San Francisco shipping men.

"I do not believe the radiogram was sent direct from Papeete to San Francisco," said Mr. Balch today. "It must have been relayed by a steamer, perhaps by several steamers, because if we can hear hardly a whisper from Papeete, 2300 miles away, San Francisco couldn't catch it at all."

For the present the Mutual is accepting radio messages for transmission to Papeete, via the Tutuila station, at the sender's risk, as they will have to be relayed at the American Samoa station, until either the new French station on Tahiti can be heard more audibly or more powerful equipment is installed there.

CONNELLA HELPS NEVADA CONVICT TO FILE PATENT

Three-Year Term May Be a Rich Man if He Ever Leaves Prison Walls

J. W. Connella, deputy collector in the internal revenue office and inventor of a magazine holder which was described several days ago in the Star-Bulletin, is helping a convict in the state penitentiary at Carson City, Nevada, by applying at the patent office for a patent to transmission mechanism for automobiles.

Connella is a personal friend of Warden D. S. Dickerson of the state penitentiary, and used to spend much time with him on the big penitentiary farm. Nimrod S. Urie, the convict, drove the warden's automobile, and it was thus that Connella became acquainted with him.

Urie is a life term and has served but three years of his sentence.

"One day," says Connella, "we were talking about various types of automobiles when the chauffeur happened to mention the fact that he had been working on a new type of automobile transmission with the view to decreasing much useless weight."

"Warden Dickerson and I immediately became interested in his description, and it was not long after this that he brought us out a neat little model done in babbitt metal, which worked perfectly."

Whether the same mechanism will work as well on an automobile is a question, the revenue deputy says, which will be solved in time.

"Incidentally," says Connella, "Dickerson is not only making inventors out of his convicts, he is also making men of them."

Warden Dickerson was formerly governor of the state of Nevada. The invention in question takes advantage of the varying diameter of a cone to regulate the speed of the automobile, transmission being effected from a worm gear. An additional object of the invention is to allow the gear shift to be made not by the driver but by the momentum of the machine, though the driver regulates it, of course.

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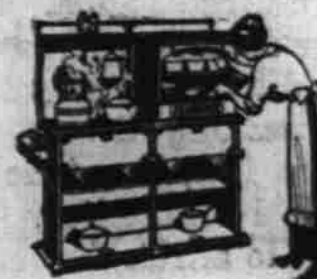
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